



One summer
night, when
I was eight
years old.



the terror
my mistake
brought
upon me...

amidst the
shining
moonlight
and the
darkness of
the night.



This is the
tale of what
happened
that night.

was
scarred
into this
body...

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That
fateful night,
when a fear
of heights



The location was
Shinshuu!...
the Ayanomine's
mountain villa,
at the foot of
the Northern Alps!

It all began
the day
before.

~Screens for the Alps mountains~



ONLY
ONE MONTH
REMAINS UNTIL
OJOU-SAMA'S
COMING
BIRTHDAY
CEREMONY,

AND LEADERS
FROM EVERY
FIELD WILL
BE IN
ATTENDANCE.

THIS IS
YOUR FIRST
APPEARANCE
AS THE
PRINCESS,

YOU
SHOULD
BE
ASHAMED
OF
YOUR-
SELF!

YET YOU
STILL HAVE NOT
BEEN ABLE TO
PERFECT EVEN
A SINGLE WALK!

DO YOU
INTEND ON
SULLYING THE
HONOUR OF
THE AYANOWIE
FAMILY?

.....

...THAT IS
ENOUGH -DE
ARIMASU,
MATRON-
SAMA.

Open

.....YES....

NOW THEN,
STAND UP!
ONCE MORE,
FROM THE
BEGINNING!!

...VERY
WELL.

Fuu

SO
CONCLUDE
THIS
EVENING'S
LESSONS
HERE -DE
ARIMASU.

—EXCUSE ME.
IT IS TIME FOR
OJOU-SAMA'S
MEAL.
—NI ARIMASU.

MY LESSONS
ARE NOT YET
OVER THOUGH,
JIIYA?

—YES.

ENSURE
YOU ARE ABLE
TO DO IT BY
TOMORROW.

TO HAVE
THEM PREPARE
YOUR FAVORITE,
SHIJIKI CLAM
MISO SOUP
-DE ARIMASU.

I AM SURE
IT IS TASTY
-DE ARIMASU.

FOR THIS
EVENING'S
SOUP,
I ASKED
THE HEAD
WAITER.



TAKE
YOUR
TIME...

Clack

NOW THEN,
JIIYA SHALL GO
CHECK ON YOUR
BATH.



Back then,
the endless days
of practice had
driven my heart
and mind to
their limits.

IT HAS
NO TASTE
AT ALL...





WHICH WOULD
TYPICALLY MOVE
ONE'S HEART
HAD ALL BUT
DISAPPEARED.

MUCH LESS
TASTING
ANYTHING,
ALL OF THOSE
EMOTIONS

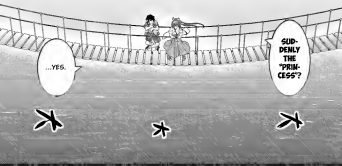


AND THE
RAPID CHANGE
IN LIFESTYLE,
PERHAPS
SOME PART
OF ME BECAME
STRANGE...

WELL, UNTIL
A FEW MONTHS
PRIOR, I HAD BEEN
AN ORDINARY CHILD,
BUT BETWEEN
SUDDENLY GAINING
THE SOCIAL
STATUS OF THE
"PRINCESS"

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...YES.

SUD-
DENLY
THE
"PRIN-
CESS"?



...I am
the adopted
"Princess".

HOWEVER, AS
MARIKA-OBASAMA
COULD NOT
HAVE CHILDREN
HERSELF...

MY MOTHER IS
THE YOUNGER
SISTER OF
AYANOMINE MARIKA,
THE CURRENT
ACTING HEAD OF
THE AYANOMINE
FAMILY.

—YES, MY FIRST
TIME AS...
-Wait,
what do
you intend
on having
me say,
Ero Kappa!?

TO THINK
ERIKA'S
**FIRST TIME
AS A PRINCESS**
WAS WHEN
SHE WAS
EIGHT...!

N-NAH, I
WAS PLENTY
SURPRISED
BY IT.

WELL, I ADMIT,
IT IS NOT REALLY
SOMETHING WORTH
MENTIONING.

After that's over...

BUFO...!
IT WOULD SEEM
THAT SHE IS
TELLING THE BRAT
SOME STORY
OF THE PAST...!

Shouldn't
we help
them
soon Bufo?

For this
reason,
the
reasons
here, is?

I'M ALSO
SURPRISED
YOU KNEW WHAT
A PHRASE LIKE
THAT MEANT...!

BE SILENT
AND OBSERVE,
MARIKA...
-Wait,
you can
hear them?

Wah!? Wahwah!?
N-no, I do
not know,
I have no idea
what you are
talking—!!

th-!?

AND WHAT
OF THE FUTURE
WHICH LIES
BEYOND IT...

I will
pull you
down,
Shizuku!

CAN HE
UPROOT
THAT
FUTURE?

THE FUTURE
I SAW, WHERE
"THE PRINCESS"
COULD NOT CROSS
THIS BRIDGE*...

THE
FUTURE YET
WAVERS...

COME NOW,
SHOW IT TO
ME! THAT
POSSIBILITY!

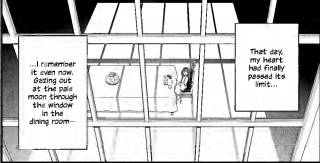
LET THIS
EYE OF MINE
FIRMLY ASCERTAIN
YOUR WORTH!

...LET US
RESUME
THE STORY.

HOWEVER,
PEOPLE
CAN NOT
CHANGE
SO EASILY.

A LIFE OF
BEING THE
"PRINCESS"
WAS ONE
WHICH I
MYSELF
CHOOSE...

YES... THE ME
BACK THEN WAS
A "PRINCESS"
BEING FORCEFULLY
CULTIVATED,



...I remember
it even now.
Gazing out
at the pale
moon through
the window
in the
dining room—

That day,
my heart
had finally
passed its
limit...



And
then—



Before I
knew it,
as if being
lured by
its glow.

I had snuck
out of the
villa, into the
dark forest...



I was lying
on a ledge,
halfway
down the
cliff.

When
I came
to,



Below me was
pitch black,
as far as the
eye could see.

.. Why am I
in a place
like this?



Just as I was
starting to
recall those
long-forgotten
feelings of fear...

UG...
GH....

String
スキ...

There were
no paths
up or down.

くくく...



"that"
appeared.

As I
looked up,
there
above my
head,

...THERE
WAS A
PERSON'S
VOICE.

Right then,
I remembered
a story Jiiya
had told me.

"YAMA-
WARO"
...?!

...IS
THAT A

JUST
MY
IMAGI-
NATION...



It is an apparition
that takes the
form of a child,
and lives deep
in the mountains,
far removed from
humans.

"Yama-
waro:"

and is said
to occasionally
kidnap and
eat them.

It plays
pranks on
children
who wander
into the
mountains.

Written as
"mountain child,"
it is similar
to the
Kappas who
dwell in rivers.

...I
need to
hide...

That is why
you must
never go into
the mountains
alone.

Then suddenly,
above my
head, the
"Yamawaro"...

...EH?

SINCE
I'M
HERE...

WHAT-
EVER...







...I JUST THOUGHT
I WOULD SEARCH
FOR THAT SOMETHING
I LOST...

After all,
at that
time,

even the
feeling of
"wanting
to die"
was dim...



IF YOU DON'T
WANNA DIE,
DON'T COME HERE

...MURDO



...AH,
YES...

YOU'LL
DIE IF YOU
FALL

GO HOME



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STI-

✂
-ING!





I FEEL SOME
IMMORAL,
SADISTIC INTENT
FROM THIS
THOUGH!?

HMM?
WHAT MIGHT
YOU BE TALKING
ABOUT?

Creak!
A-AND WHAT
IS THIS
METHOD
OF TYING!?

IT, IT
FEELS A
LITTLE
STRANGE!

Squeeze-

COULD IT BE
THIS IS
PAYBACK FOR
MY YELLING
AT YOU
BEFORE!?

N...No, wait
Wait, ple-
Wai-...!!

HYA-
WA!?

Pull
LI

Pull
LI

Pull
LI

WHATEVER,
I'M PULLING
NOW!

Pull-~♪



YOU'RE
MUCH BETTER,
LIKE THIS

hmp



...COMPARED
TO THAT
DEAD
EXPRESSION
BEFORE.

At that
time, I felt
that this
"Yamawaro"
apparition

was
not any
different
from
a human.



YAMAWARO-
SAN...?

LISTEN!



B-I?

You're
not
on a
board

ALSO, YOU'D
BE EVEN
BETTER WITH
BIG BOOBY!

YOU...









but
there was
nothing
on the
other end
of the
rope...

I don't know
if he let go
to keep me
from being
pulled down,

...The next thing
I knew, I was
on top of the
cliff, clinging
to the tree.



and the
dinosaur
footprint-
shaped
birthmark
behind his
ear...

It is
burned into
the back of
my eyes...

That shy,
boy-like smile
"Yamawaro"
showed me
as he left,





And so,
I was saved by
"Yamawaro",

then shortly
thereafter,
I was rescued
by the
Ayanomine's
search party.

**DUMB-
AAASS!**

I AM
REMIND
OF HIM BEING
SWALLOWED
DOWN
INTO THAT
DARKNESS.

HOWEVER,
EVER SINCE
THEN,
WHENEVE
I GO
SOMEWHERE
UP HIGH,

*That's
why I
feel he
is safe,
though*

...THERE WERE
NO TRACES OF
"YAMAWARO" AT
THE BASE OF THE
CLIFF.

EVEN NOW,
I AM FROZEN
IN PLACE,

FUFU...
I AM NO
GOOD, HUH.

DESPITE
HAVING THIS
LIFE "HE"
SAVED...

...BUT I WILL
NOT GIVE IN.
I CAN NOT
REMAIN LIKE
THIS FOREVER!

EVEN
"HE"

DID NOT WISH
FOR ME TO BE
AFRAID OF
HEIGHTS WHEN
HE SAVED ME.

THOUGH I
SAY THAT,
MY FEET ARE
TREMBLING,
AS ALWAYS!

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T!

YOU CAN
DO IT!
DON'T LET IT
GET TO YOU,
ERIKA!

YOU'RE
MORE
IN
TUNE
WITH
THE
MUSIC!

DO NOT
CHANGE INTO
A "CURSED"
STORY...

SO THAT MY
MEMORIES
WITH "HIM"



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ON THE
CONTRARY,
THAT
STORY WAS
PLENTY
SUR-
PRISING!

NAH,
IT WASN'T
BORING
AT ALL!

Anyway,
that's the
history of
my people...

EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS
SUCH A
BORING
STORY,

...I-IN ANY
CASE, THANK
YOU FOR
LISTENING.

NOBOROU-SAN,
YOU HAVE
BEEN TO THAT
MOUNTAIN
BEFORE?

OR RATHER,
THERE WAS
A YOKAI
LIKE THAT
ON THAT
MOUNTAIN?

BUT I MUST
SAY, THAT
"YAMAWARO"
THING WAS
PRETTY GOOD.

...HAH?
TRAINING?

MY DAD WAS
BIG ON THE WHOLE
TRAINING JOURNEY
THING, SO WHEN I
WAS LITTLE, HE
FORCED ME TO
TAG ALONG WITH
HIM AS HE SECLUDED
HIMSELF IN THE
MOUNTAINS!

YEAH,
I HAVE!
ACTUALLY,
I LIVED
THERE FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE!

Naah~!

...I, I THINK
I NOW KNOW
THE SECRET
BEHIND YOUR
FERAL SIDE...

Thanks
still a
dumb
head!

AH, NOW THAT
I THINK OF IT,
I'VE FALLEN
FROM A CLIFF,
TOO!

WE SPENT
EVERY DAY
TRAVERSING
THE
WILDERNESS,
OR DIVING INTO
WATERFALLS...

WELL, I WAS
COMPLETELY FINE,
THOUGH. JUST
GOT A BUMP
ON THE HEAD...

...AH,
AHANA...

Pack

My dad
didn't
know
about
this
either.
Got a
wink.

WHEN I CAME
BACK FROM THE
MOUNTAIN, I
HAD FORGOTTEN
JAPANESE.
MY MOM WAS
SO SURPRISED.

AH,
SPEAK-
ING OF
FERAL
SIDES,



UH... UMM?
I WONDER?

WHEN WAS THAT?
SURELY YOU DID
NOT LOSE YOUR
MEMORIES
OR ANYTHING?

YOU JUST
MENTIONED
THAT YOU
FELL FROM
A CLIFF AND
HIT YOUR
HEAD BUT...

H-HEY,
ERMA?

GIVE ME
THE DETAIL...
NO, WOULD
YOU KINDLY
TELL ME ABOUT
IT, HOBOROU-
SAN?

WELL, TYING UP
NIB-CHAN'S DOLLS,
THEN MY MOM
CAUGHT ME,
AND BOTH ME AND
MY DAD WERE
DRIVEN OUT OF
THE HOUSE.

WE HAD NOWHERE
TO GO, SO MY DAD
DROGGED ME
WITH HIM TO THE
MOUNTAINS.

...I-I'M
PRETTY SURE
IT WAS SEVEN
YEARS AGO,
DURING SUMMER
BREAK....

WITH MY DAD'S
PRIZED BOOKS
I FOUND IN THE
STOREHOUSE AS
REFERENCE,
I WAS PLAYING
AROUND BY...

Books from 1989 (Jy. First 100 Series: Books)

MEMO-RIES FERAL BIRTH-MARK TIMING PL

N-NO, HOLD IT!
YOU'VE GOT IT
WRONG!?
I MEAN, SURE,
AFTER I SAW
MY DAD'S BOOKS,
I PRACTICED
TORTOISE-SHELL
BONDAGE AND
THE CROTCH
ROPE, BUT!

Gasp!

You're
right,
right?
right?

-UH, BY
THE WAY,
SRIKA,
WHAT ARE
YOU ANGRY
ABOUT?
HEY!?

—HAH!?
COME TO THINK
OF IT, I VAGUELY
RECALL LOSING MY
ROPE SOMEWHERE
THAT NIGHT...

コ"コ"コ"...

CROTCH
ROPE
BONDAGE

チヤーン!

CROTCH ROPE MEMO-RIES FERAL BIRTH-MARK TIMING

IT'S NOT
LIKE I
HAVE ANY
INTEREST
IN S&M
OR ANY-
THING—



No matter
how I look
at it, I can
not see the
culprit as
being anyone
but you!
You idiotoot!!

WAAH!?
M-MY
EAR!

ドザザン



WHAT'S WITH
YOU TODAY...
WHAT'RE YOU
MAD AT ME
FOR?!

UOCH,
WHAT
THE?!

How much do
you think I!
...If you were
fine, you should
have at least
said something,
dumbass!

HEH..

—In
the end,

I WILL
LEAVE YOU
BEHIND!
GOOD-
NESS!

COME ON,
PLEASE
HURRY UP!

Nevertheless,
that fear of
heights I have
been cursed
with for so
many years has
vanished like the
morning fog...

with him having
no memory of
the incident,
there was no
way to further
investigate
"Yamawano's"
true identity.



you are
such a...

... Really,



RATHER,
WHAT'VE YOU
BEEN ANGRY
ABOUT,
ERIKA?

HEY,
HOLD
ON!

REALLY,
YOU ARE
SUCH A-!



?

And
then...



...SERIZAWA?

Gyou

Hee



And then,
from out
of nowhere,
an
incident—

...HAH?

**GINKA-
SAMA
HAS
BEEN
KID-
NAPPED!**

TO BE
CONTIN-
UED!

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金の彼女
銀の彼女

Girl of gold & silver girl

GO TO
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